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See pages 2 and 3 for recent donations to the new HHHS equipment.

Hoppy July!

Check out this week's Nature's Sketchbook on page 5 to learn more about Leopard Frogs.

Flying into summer

See details for Stanhope Airport's community fly in on page 7.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers and the Friendship Force came together on Friday, June 14 on Kasahagawigamog Lake behind HCDC's office to go for a paddle in a dragon boat. The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and are a group of individuals with a love for being on the water. The Friendship Force is part of a large group of worldwide travel enthusiasts and aims to bring people together in friendship between different countries and cultures. Members of the Friendship Force from the Isle of Wight, England participated during a Highlands visit. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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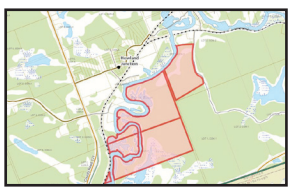

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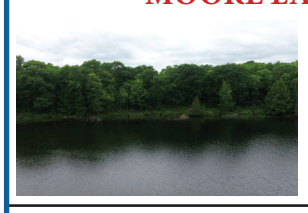

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Here for You

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Writing on the Senior Side

The meanderings of an emergent old writer

GAIL STELTER

Special to *County Life*

The Meanderings of an Emergent Old Writer. How is that for an oxymoron?

It was inevitable. It was an expected part of my life on the senior side. Lest you think I am talking about the earth-shaking, life-changing events that can happen, rest assured, it was not so. It was not even very important but it was definitely a "you know you are old when" moment. But first an excuse: we have been out three of the last four evenings. This is beyond my normal pace. Add to this a poor night's sleep, so many stories in so many places and being, as they say, "up to my neck" in another U of T writing course, I am sure you can see how it happened.

I had an idea for this edition of Writing on the Senior Side and I was looking forward to writing about it. Then, my mind said, "Didn't you already write something similar?" Oh my, yes I think I did, but where did I write it? Was it part of my Family Stories /Memoir? Was it here in a previous Writing on the Senior Side? So, I have 45,000 words of stories in my family stories file, about 65,000 in Writing on the Senior Side and five new short stories in my new flash fiction file. Do I want to go back through everything and find it? No. Possible solutions: write it anyway. I mean really how many people read these stories and if they do, will they remember the similar parts? Write something different. I settled on writing it anyway, adding new ideas, making changes, and seeing how it works. Perhaps my senior side readers will understand. Perhaps they have had weeks like this: overloaded, overwhelmed, tired and can't quite remember it all. Well, I hope I'm not the only one who has such weeks.

Then I made another decision. I decided to take a quick scroll through my family stories file. It wasn't there. Oh dear, it must be in Writing on the Senior Side I'm done. I can't write that again.

While I decide what to write, I will share with you my latest and exciting writing news. Well, exciting to me. I had my first story published in a literary magazine. It is called Alice's New Coat and it is based on a true story told to me by my mother, Alice. It is published in The New Canadian Stories magazine. I shared this news with a few people and one told me about a relative who has just finished publishing a third novel. Oh my, I guess I am a long way from that. It did make me smile. Well alrighty then, I will write a novel too. Well, if I live long enough. There is always that feeling, that knowledge, that tomorrow is not promised.

I have had many life and career accomplishments, awards and wonderful recognition for my efforts but this little published story feels bigger and better. Why? It is not always easy when, in our senior years, we decide to learn new things, do new things and to fulfill an almost buried lifelong passion. There are times when I wonder why I am working so hard and still taking courses. At my age, what does it matter?

It matters because it's fun and I love writing stories. It doesn't matter if I die before I'm done. It's about the journey. It matters that, on the senior side, (and I hope you think so too) to grab the moments and activities that we enjoy. It makes me happy to keep learning and growing as a writer. It makes me content to know I am leaving a childhood memoir for my grandchildren. It makes me excited to have recently discovered a new passion for short story flash/micro fiction - stories that are between 300 and 1000 words.

My meanderings: my thoughts on being an old emergent writer are done. I will leave you with one of my micro-fiction stories. I hope you read it and like it. (That's the clincher: writers write and they want people to read their writings. That's why having my first short story published is not earth-shaking or life-changing but it is delightful to me.)

Goodbye Little Birds

You are welcome here little birds. I shall roost with you. I pray, however, that you calm your noisy chatter and your cheerful chirping. This is my time and I do require a measure of peace and respect.

Did you see their watery eyes and dropped chins? Did you hear the mindless murmurs of their prayers? Thank God, they have gone now. I am ready and my quest is decorum and quiet at this farewell. I have lived fully and authentically and my final thoughts shall not be adulterated with wet faces and moaning voices. My words will be between you, outside my window and me, here in this stately bed.

I see that you do understand. Your chirping is now so quiet. Thank you. I shall repay you with graceful stillness and silent images of long ago. You see, little birds, I did, indeed, master sophistication and poise. It pleases me but it is not who I am. They do not know me.

They do not know my fretful childhood or my reckless loves. They do not know I walked with street workers and drank with dock hands. They do not know the completeness of my tragedy. I was a wife and mother who lost it all: a husband to war and a son to illness. Oh, little birds, I was resolute as I rose from their ashes and put away my despair. I reinvented myself. I am the Dutchess.

Yes, little birds, of course, I love them but they do not know my true joy was helping those I left behind. Only you know these things. I trust you to keep my secrets. It has been good to share with you.

Goodbye, little birds.

This story and two others were winners of small microfiction contests and can be found on curatedmicrofiction.com.

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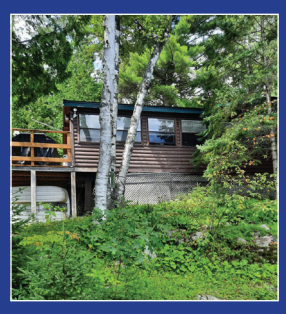

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Maybelle's staycation and Japan Part Three, don'tcha know

Maybelle's **Fireside stories**

DEAR READER,

Why, if airplane passengers didn't go flying into the ceiling of an overseas flight last week like birds in a windstorm, don'tcha know. Now, how did that happen? Well, due to extreme turbulence, making ol' Maybelle oh so grateful that my dear friend, Florie, and I had the great fortune of remaining planted in our seats enroute to Japan and back, like rutabagas in cement.

Yep, the travel bug is contagious. Travellers are popping out of their everyday lives and exploring parts unknown. A happy plague. (Did I say that? Is there such a thing?) A rash of three million people just south of us were sky-high last week flying across America and I can tell you first-hand, it looked like they all landed here in Lake WhattayathinkImean. Boy oh boy, was Lake W busy!

A lineup straight out the door of Ruth and Marley Worbley's Fresh Food City, don'tcha know. Why, I would have had to stand in that line a whole half an hour just to pay for a jug of Tide. I won't use one of those self-check thingmies. I much prefer checking my purchases through with a human, like Junie Bug Carson and James Winnyhalter. And I also don't believe in supporting the elimination of their jobs. I mean, we're seeing the inevitable happen right before our eyes, don'tcha know. And folks seem to be going along with it.

So, I drove ol' Brewster, my truck, straight over to Vilma Yucch's and borrowed some detergent. She's always well-stocked because of her tie-dye clothing business which is thriving, by the way, thanks to Dewey Foster who is forever waxing poetic on his podcast "Weedwacker," about the detachable sleeves on Vilma's tie-dye t-shirts, don'tcha know. "Forget having to buy summer and winter shirts," ol' Dewey will say. "With Vilma Yucch's tie-dye detachables, you can save a whole whack of money and look groovy doing it." Dewey is so sixties.

Did ol' Maybelle get the travel bug out of my system? No. If anything it's made me want to, not only go back to Japan, but go to places I've never been before. At the moment, right now in this place and time, I want to relive (with you) the funniest moment of my trip with Florie.

So, we took a bullet train from Tokyo to Hakone, one of Japan's most popular hot-spring destinations where we were eye-boggled by the beauty of Mount Fuji seemingly floating above the clouds in clear view from an aerial train that rose high above wooded slopes and lake. Now, that's not the funny bit. I'm getting to that.

We stayed at the Gora Kadan, an eye-candy of a traditional ryokan (Japanese inn).

Now, the suites we stayed in which had floors covered wall-to-wall with grass mats, had their own dining room with a table a mile long with short legs and two chairs facing one another on either side that had NO legs. Why, if these ol' apple dolls didn't have one heck of a time navigating the up and down of it.

Plopping down into a chair that was literally on the floor was the easier part. Getting back up was an Olympian feat. Why if we didn't have to get on our hands and knees to do it, don'tcha know. And we laughed so hard, we got to taste our dinner of jute greens and octopus with dashi broth of buckwheat, conger eel marinated with spicy vinegar, mackerel and shitake mushrooms, conch shell, millet wheat gluten with dengaku miso, egg omelet and deep-fried sweet fish all over again.

I will remember that forever.

But, that was then, and now is now. And right now, while Lake W is lush with flowers bursting with colour and vegetable gardens moving closer to harvest, birds showing off singing like they're at Carnegie Hall, little adorable chippers running across my cottage porch and coming up real close for a peanut or three, and the lake, clear and UN-FROZEN, why would I want to travel now? No, ol' M is staying put … staycationing right here in Lake WhattayathinkImean, don'tcha know.

Why, we've got concerts in the park, a local farmers' market every week, all kinds of terrific hiking trails. And ol' M and my pals, Vilma, Beanpole, Sybil, Twindle, and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom go bicycling, we play ladder toss, we swim, barbeque, and bowl, don'tcha know. Oh, yes, we all get into ol' Brewster, my truck, and drive to Minden to play 5-pin bowling, don'tcha know. Now, that is great fun. And they'll even play disco music for us. Heaven.

Another reason I'm staycationing this summer. Right now, the world is rife with change and a lot of it, troubling. Staying close to home just feels, well, comforting. Especially, with the company of my good friends and Bogart, my treasured pet bear. Say hello, Bogart.

"Groovy, man."

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

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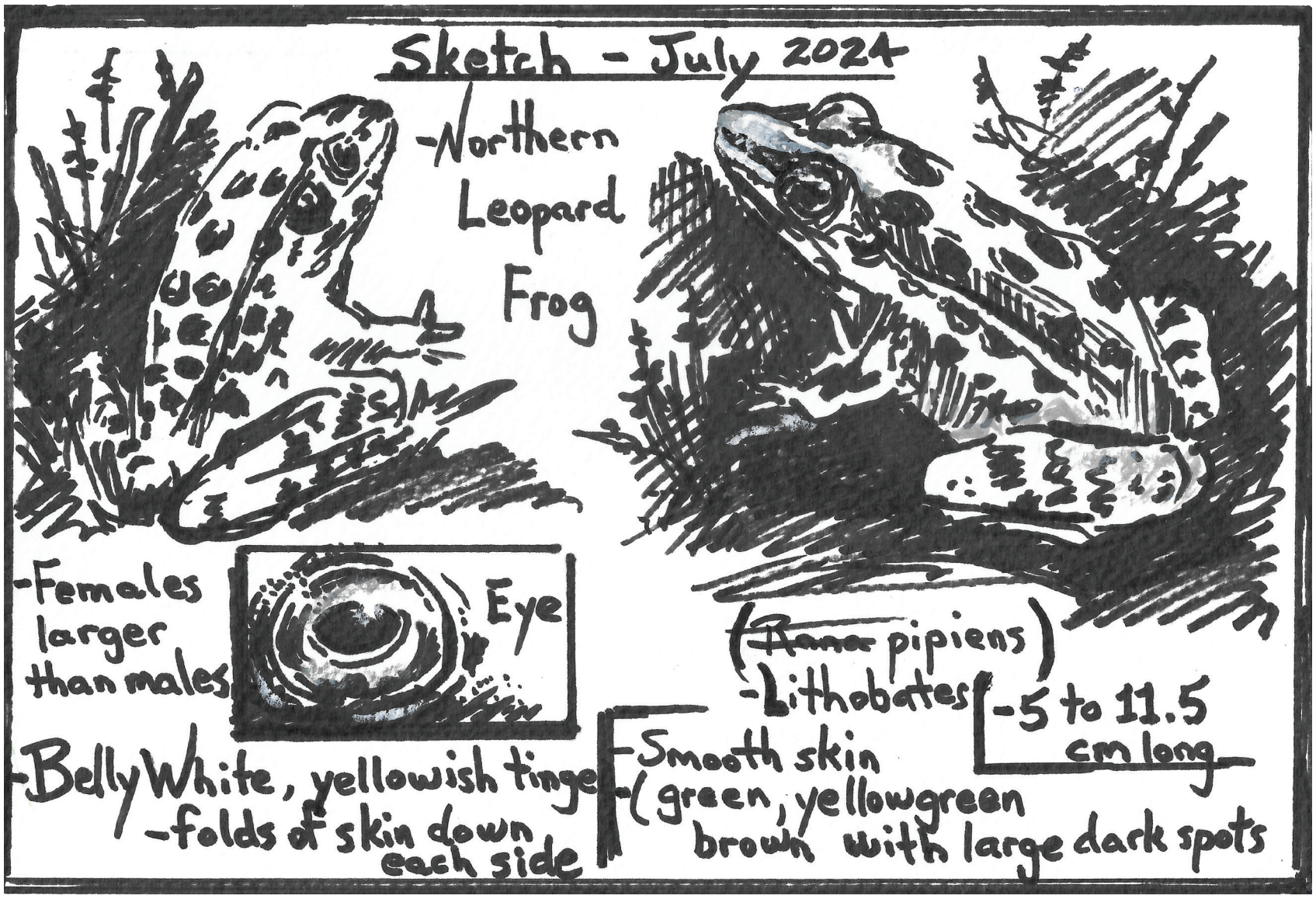

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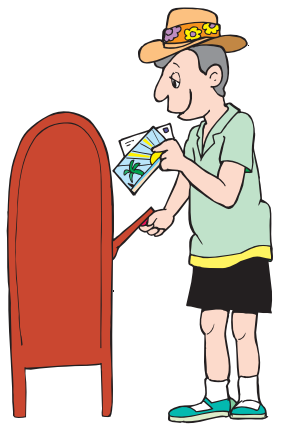
Old fashioned summer fun

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

When was the last time you sent or received a postcard? With today's technology, the way we communicate when travelling has changed in so many ways. Today, we can instantly call, text, chat or even join in on a Zoom meeting when we're halfway around the world, which might make some people say that sending postcards isn't worthwhile anymore, but I beg to differ. Doesn't it feel special when a note or card from a friend or family member arrives in the post, especially if it's journeyed a long distance to get to you? To know that they took the time to write and address it by hand and then make a trip to the post office or post box to send it on its way to you?

When I pick a postcard to send, I like to think about which images are going to appeal to the recipient and also what news I want to share with them. (I'll admit that I sometimes forget that I'm writing a postcard and not a whole letter!) It's easy to imagine people even many decades ago going through the exact same process. Looking through our postcard collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum is a chance to see snapshots of life from residents of and visitors to the Haliburton area over the decades. Many postcards feature images of local lodges and resorts, showcasing waterside views, cozy cabins and more unique



highlights like the dining room at Chateau Woodland. Other popular postcard images include scenic views taken from today's Skyline Park, with others purporting to have been taken from the Haliburton gold mine. Close-up views taken in downtown Haliburton regularly focused on the Grand Central Hotel, which was hardly surprising, as it was indeed very grand! Some other spots photographers chose to highlight were perhaps rather more curious choices, such as the Victoria Street School. I've even seen postcards which feature Haliburton's own post office, as it appeared in the late 1930s and 1940s at the corner of Highland and Cedar.

These postcards made their way from the Highlands to many other corners of the province, some travelling as far north as Cochrane or as far south as Port Dover, while others popped just down the road to spots such as Norland. The topics covered by the senders of the cards varied. Some messages were of the simple "Having a great time! Wish you were here!" variety and of course, many talked about the weather, whether it was ideal or perhaps a little soggy. Some messages dove deeper, however, with senders sharing stories of enjoying seasonal treats like blueberry pie and ice cream or going to see the latest Deanna Durbin movie (which, of course, had me checking dates on postmarks to try to figure out which one it was!) In all these cases, these postcards provided a tangible and personal link between friends and family - a way to let someone know you were thinking of them. Sometimes postcards even represented ties between family members who were now separated by several provinces, in cases where one branch of a family had moved all the way to Alberta after the arrival of the railway in Haliburton County.

Over 140 years may have passed since that rail line arrived, but the personal touch of postcards still remains. If you're travelling this summer, why not try sending some to those back at home? If you're spending the summer in the Highlands, sending a local postcard to a friend who lives out of town is also a great way to let someone know that they're in your thoughts. Add a smile to someone's summer and have fun!

Top 10 reasons not to wear shorts

I know. Summer is here and that means it is shorts season. But remember, that's just a suggestion and not a hard and fast rule. In fact, there are circumstances when you should not even think of wearing shorts. Here are my top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Your friends call you Giraffe.
2. You just came back from the Islands and your leg hair is still in cornrows.
3. Your legs are so short that there's no real benefit.
4. Your kneecaps have double chins.
5. There is two feet of snow on ground.
6. You are about to take a poison ivy identification tour.
7. Damn paparazzi parked outside the house.
8. Your Instagram page has not yet been sponsored by any shorts company.
9. You have extremely droopy underwear.
10. You feel the need to leave something to the imagination.

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Sun searing Air, not a wisp of breeze,
my Breath, wilting, as the earth wobbles beneath my feet,
and I seek shelter from the swelter beneath the umbrella of a maple tree,
crumpling into a puddle of shade, blades of grass that carpet the earth, cradling my limbs and spine,
as I lie here, still as the leaves in the tree that shields me from midday Sun, blazing through a veil of haze,
my fingers grazing grass, that prickles my skin, something tickling my feet,
as I blink my eyes open and watch an ant crawling over the boulder of my big toe,
exploring the terrain in the space between toes before it disappears back into the forest of grass,
the blades, tall as trees, for the speck of ant as it navigates its way through thatches of grass,
and I wonder how many more ants are doing the same, forging invisible paths that only they can see,
through tall grasses and weeds, the circumference of their world,
maybe no wider than the patch of grass where I sprawl,
marveling at the flurry of movement that goes on all around me,
the ants scurrying along the earth, as the leaves droop in their branches and Air holds its Breath,
waiting for breeze,
the heat sludging through my limbs, my heartbeat fluttering like butterfly wings,
as I lie on the grass, my arm reaching out to pluck a giant grandma dandelion from the ground,
twirling the stem between my fingers, admiring the perfect roundness of its head,
before the breeze of my Breath blows onto the tufts of fluff, and I
watch them float, weightless through Air,
wondering where they will land, still holding the stem in my hand,
touching the centre of the grandma dandelion where the sprigs of fluff sprouted from,
my Breath scalping it in a single blow, wondering how much longer it would have lasted if I had let it be,
watching the fluff float through Air, like feathers loosened from their wing,
as I stretch in the puddle of shade beneath the maple tree, peering up at flecks of clouds drifting across Sky,
wondering whether that's what the ants see when a wisp of fluff floats by,
before it lands on the ground, not far from the place where it grew,
cradled by the earth that fed its roots, sheltered by Sky that gave it room to bloom,
this seed that sprung into a white-haired weed,
fragile as Breath, waiting for breeze.

Sylvie Kalenda

Stanhope Airport and Community Summer Fly In

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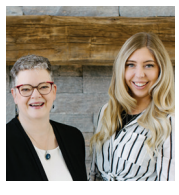

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Point in Time seeks space to accommodate expansion

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The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub and Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents are seeking a larger space to operate all programs and services under one roof in Haliburton. /Photos submitted

The Youth Wellness Hub in Haliburton has proven to be an essential service offered to the community by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents since it opened in 2020.

With nearly 2,000 visits in the last year for wellbeing activities and 232 youth accessing the Hub's formal services, it's time for a new space.

"I think it's a great thing that we have a model that works and a way to reach people. The hard part of it is that the lack of space is presenting a barrier for some youth to utilize the Youth Hub. We're looking to build synergies and efficiencies with both staffing and infrastructure by co-locating under one roof," said Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time.

Point in Time currently has a main office on Eastern Ave. in Haliburton about a kilometre away from the Hub on Dysart Ave.

The not-for-profit organization hopes to consolidate all of their services.

"Being in separate locations definitely makes everything trickier when we're trying to operate as one organization," Cox said.

When it first opened in 2020, it was a brand new project, and Point in Time didn't know how it would be received.

"When we purchased that building, it was a pilot project. The pilot contained enough space for three staff. We're currently at seven staff members and need more space for all of them to be able to accommodate the youth they're supporting," Cox explained.

Youth have always had a say in what they dreamed the Hub would be.

"The interesting thing about the model is that the youth early on said they wanted it to be a go-to place to meet friends and do wellness activities. But, they also knew youth needed more access to formal services. What we're finding through our data is that they were exactly right. Youth are coming in for the activities, but also seeking services while they're here."

Cox said without a welcoming space, it can be hard to reach out when individuals need extra support.

"It can often take quite a lot of courage to seek support. For us, it has to be in the same building so they have a chance to meet the staff during snack time, drop ins, so that they can build that sense of safety and trust."

The Youth Hub offers mental health support, substance use support, primary care, sexual health, 2SLBGTIA+ support, care coordination, single session counselling, peer support, employment support (IPS) and the Lift Program, housing support, drop-ins, recreational activities such as community outings, D&D group, workshops, Indigenous peer navigation and outreach, Mobile Share and Care outreach, and support and resources like food, laundry money, hygiene products, and more.

Point in Time has been working with COS Consulting to outline the Youth Hub's needs as well as the needs of the organization.

"Youth have also had an input on what they think are important elements of design for a new space," she said.

Cox said the location must stay within Haliburton to be in close proximity to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"A lot of youth walk after school. We want to make sure it stays accessible to them."

Cox said they will always continue to maintain a satellite office in Minden.

"Some youth are noise sensitive, neurodiverse, or introverted, and the main room in the Wellness Hub gets very busy and noisy when lots of people are there at once. We want to make sure we have space and time to think on their own."

"We hope that there's a way we can potentially be creative in our design of the space so that it's a welcoming place for both youth and families."

Cox said Point in Time is also looking into creating spaces for collaboration with other organizations.

"Ideally this will happen as soon as possible. There are three pillars to this project. One is securing the funding. Two is finding the site. And three is the partnership process to bring it all together."

To donate to Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and the Youth Wellness Hub, visit pointintime.ca.

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Mica relaxes at Dark Lake, Wilberforce as the fog rolls off the lake in the early morning. /Submitted by Vivien Mausz

A mallard with all her ducklings. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A tiny ant on a daisy. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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A loonlet is fed by its mother. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A chipmunk snacks on a berry. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
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Bigwin back

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Molly's open

Looking to reclaim her best tart title, Molly McInerney opens bistro on Bobcaygeon

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Chad Ingram Times staff
Alex Litwin was navigating the waves like a pro during an Opportunities for Youth workshop at the Minden Wild Water Preserve on the weekend.

Runway may be delayed to new year

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The chief administrative officer for Algonquin Highlands says there is a high probability that construction on the Stanhope Airport expansion will not begin this year.

That was the word from CAO Juanita Dempster-Evans after, on Friday, the township received verbal communication from the office of Bill Bunker, a case analyst for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, and the man in charge of the environmental assessment screening report for the airport expansion project.

The June 9 draft screening report essentially gave the project – which

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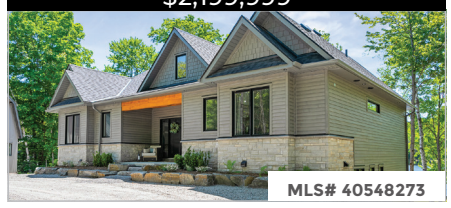

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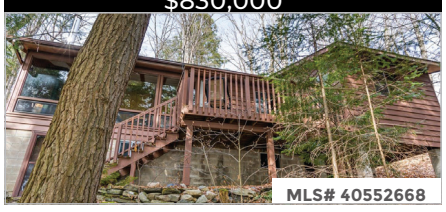

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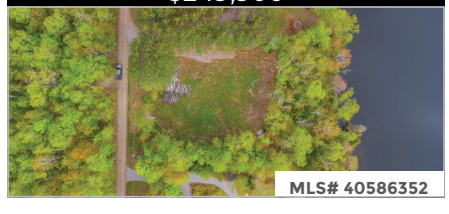

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